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(COMPANION TO HF 2057 BY HESS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to real estate transfer receipts and real  
2 property enhancement and making appropriations.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 428A.8, subsection 2, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 The treasurer of state shall deposit or transfer the  
4 receipts paid the treasurer of state pursuant to subsection  
5 1 to either the general fund of the state, the housing trust  
6 fund created in section 16.181, ~~or~~ the shelter assistance fund  
7 created in section 16.41, or the real property enhancement fund  
8 created in section 455B.118 as follows:

9 Sec. 2. Section 428A.8, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
10 2014, is amended to read as follows:

11 f. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and each  
12 succeeding fiscal year, sixty-five percent of the receipts  
13 less eight million dollars shall be deposited in the general  
14 fund, thirty percent of the receipts shall be transferred to  
15 the housing trust fund, and five percent of the receipts shall  
16 be transferred to the shelter assistance fund. The eight  
17 million dollars reduced from the receipts to be deposited in  
18 the general fund shall be transferred to the real property  
19 enhancement fund.

20 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **455B.118 Real property enhancement**  
21 **fund.**

22 1. A real property enhancement fund is created in the state  
23 treasury under the control of the department and consisting  
24 of moneys appropriated by the general assembly, moneys  
25 transferred pursuant to section 428A.8, subsection 2, and any  
26 other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the  
27 department for placement in the fund. Moneys in the fund are  
28 appropriated to the department for purposes of subsection 2.  
29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the fund that  
30 remain unexpended or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year  
31 shall not revert to any other fund.

32 2. a. The department shall use moneys in the real property  
33 enhancement fund to do all of the following:

34 (1) Expend not more than two million five hundred thousand  
35 dollars each fiscal year for rural community enhancement

1 project grants for cities with a population of not more than  
2 ten thousand. The grants shall be awarded for purposes of  
3 community enhancement and beautification as defined by the  
4 department. A grant shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.  
5 The department may contract with an organization for purposes  
6 of administering this subparagraph provided the organization  
7 does all of the following:

8 (a) Assists communities and organizations in cleanup and  
9 beautification projects.

10 (b) Conducts research to assist in the understanding of  
11 reasons for littering and illegal dumping.

12 (c) Administers antilittering and beautification education  
13 programs.

14 (d) Increases public awareness of the costs of littering.

15 (2) Expend not more than three million five hundred  
16 thousand dollars each fiscal year for purposes described in  
17 section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1),  
18 subparagraph division (e).

19 (3) Expend not more than five hundred thousand dollars each  
20 fiscal year for purposes of identifying and cleaning illegal or  
21 open dumping sites, including waste tire sites.

22 (4) Expend not more than one million dollars each fiscal  
23 year in the form of a grant to an organization meeting the  
24 criteria in subparagraph (1). Moneys awarded under this  
25 subparagraph shall be used to assist rural communities in  
26 addressing issues related to the image and appearance of their  
27 community.

28 (5) Expend not more than five hundred thousand dollars  
29 each fiscal year in the form of a grant to an organization  
30 meeting the criteria in subparagraph (1) for purposes of  
31 public education and awareness in order to increase youth  
32 awareness and commitment to service learning for community  
33 beautification, establish and fund a litter hotline, and  
34 publicize roadside beautification and adoption projects.

35 b. The department may use not more than five percent of the

1 moneys deposited in the fund for administrative purposes.

2 Sec. 4. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
3 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (e), Code 2014, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (e) Not more than four hundred thousand dollars to the  
6 department for purposes of providing funding assistance  
7 to eligible communities to address abandoned buildings by  
8 promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective dismantlement  
9 of building components, and recycling. The department may  
10 supplement the amount allocated from the solid waste account  
11 under this paragraph "a" with moneys in the real property  
12 enhancement fund as provided in section 455B.118. Eligible  
13 communities include a city with a population of five ten  
14 thousand or fewer. Eligible costs for program assistance  
15 include but are not limited to asbestos and other hazardous  
16 material abatement and removal, the recovery processing  
17 of recyclable or reusable material through the selective  
18 dismantlement of abandoned buildings, and reimbursement for  
19 purchased recycled content materials used in the renovation of  
20 buildings. For projects that support community beautification,  
21 the department may elect to administer funding to eligible  
22 communities in collaboration with the organization awarded the  
23 beautification grant in accordance with subparagraph division  
24 (a), subparagraph subdivision (i).

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to real estate transfer receipts and real  
29 property enhancement.

30 Each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year beginning  
31 July 1, 2014, the bill transfers \$8 million of real estate  
32 transfer receipts that are currently deposited in the general  
33 fund to the real property enhancement fund created in the bill.

34 The bill creates a real property enhancement fund under  
35 the control of the department of natural resources. The bill

1 requires the department to use moneys in the fund for five  
2 purposes specified in the bill.

3 The department is required to expend not more than \$2.5  
4 million each fiscal year for rural community enhancement  
5 project grants. The department may contract with an  
6 organization for purposes of administering the grants.

7 The department is required to expend not more than \$3.5  
8 million each fiscal year for purposes of providing assistance  
9 to communities to address abandoned buildings by promoting  
10 waste abatement, diversion, selective dismantlement of building  
11 components, and recycling.

12 The department is required to expend not more than \$500,000  
13 each fiscal year for purposes of identifying and cleaning  
14 illegal or open dumping sites, including waste tire sites.

15 The department is required to expend not more than \$1 million  
16 each fiscal year in the form of a grant to an organization for  
17 providing assistance to rural communities in addressing issues  
18 related to image and appearance of their community.

19 The department is required to expend not more than \$500,000  
20 each fiscal year in the form of a grant to an organization for  
21 purposes of certain public education and awareness activities.

22 The bill allows the department to use not more than 5  
23 percent of the moneys deposited in the fund for administrative  
24 purposes.

25 The bill amends the solid waste account of the groundwater  
26 protection fund. Currently, not more than \$400,000 from the  
27 account may be used by the department to provide funding  
28 assistance to eligible communities to address abandoned  
29 buildings by promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective  
30 dismantlement of building components, and recycling and  
31 to administer funding to communities in collaboration with  
32 an organization awarded a beautification grant. Eligible  
33 communities include a city with a population of 5,000 or  
34 fewer. The bill increases the population limit for eligible  
35 communities to 10,000. The bill also provides that moneys

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1 in the real property enhancement fund may supplement moneys  
2 allocated from the solid waste account.